

SPECIFICATION

[0020] In Figure 1, subscriber terminal 101 and other entities of zone 103a can communicate with gatekeeper 102a for sending, receiving and resolving information. Similarly, subscriber terminal 105 (106) and other entities of zone 103b (103c) can communicate with gatekeeper 102b (102c). Gatekeeper 102a can also interact with gatekeeper 102b. Thus, gatekeeper 102a can receive a request for information from subscriber 101. Gatekeeper 102a can pass the query along to gatekeeper 102b. Gatekeeper 102a can also contain a database in which gatekeeper 102a stores the requested information. Gatekeeper 102b and 102c in this embodiment can receive and send queries, and can contain a database in which various information can be stored. This information includes, but is not limited to, addresses, pricing, quality of service, resources, security features, and other information. Note that Figure 1 portrays gatekeepers 102a through 102c, although in general there can be an arbitrary number of gatekeepers.